

Collegiate Peaks Trail Ride Rider's Guide



Sunday, May 5, 2024; 8:00 am; BV Community Center (715 E. Main St.)

Course Details

The course features a variety of terrain, which can be both physically & mentally challenging. Be prepared!

Leaving the BV Community Center, you will ride some smooth gravel before a short section of pavement leading you to the Fourmile Recreation Area.

As you enter Fourmile, you will take on a short but steep climb up CR 375. From there, two challenging sections of sandy OHV trail await you. These sections, although short, can be difficult due to the sand, roots, & rocks. Once you complete 6037 & 1415 (the OHV trails), you'll find yourself back on the wonderful gravel roads of Fourmile. Expect some short but steep climbs, as well as some sandy sections as you roll through Fourmile. Be sure to enjoy the views as you grind on!

Once you reach Sausage Link, you'll enjoy some fun, flowy singletrack. Although relatively smooth, there are a few semi-challenging rocky sections. After Sausage Link, a short fast pedal down CR 304 will take you to South Trail. South Trail is fairly steep & sees a lot of traffic, so stay alert as you make your way to Bridge to Bridge trail & back to the Community Center.

Length: 25.3 miles

Elevation: 3,455

Course Markings: The course will be marked with pink flagging ribbon & arrows.

Larger black signs with arrows will be placed at key intersections.

A GPX file for the course can be downloaded through our [website](#).

Fuel Stations

Fuel Stations will be stocked with a variety of sweet & salty snacks, as well as water & an electrolyte beverage.

Fuel Station 1: mile 11.6

Fuel Station 2: mile 17.9

Packet Pickup

Sunday 5/5, 6:30 am - 7:50 am at the BV Community Center.

Recommended Gear

Helmet (required)	Spare tube	Sunglasses
Water bottles (2)	Pump	Sunscreen
Rain jacket	Tools	Cell phone
Gloves	Snacks	

What type of bike should I ride?

Not a road bike! This course features a variety of conditions, so bike choice will vary based on personal preference. We recommend something with at least a 50mm (~2") tire. The most difficult section will be the OHV trails in the Fourmile Recreation Area (6037 & 1415), as they can be sandy & loose. The county roads are in good shape overall, but there are a couple of challenging sandy sections. The trail sections (Sausage Link & South Trail) are relatively smooth & can be done on a rigid frame bike, although suspension will make things easier.

Weighing your options:

Gravel bike - a mountain bike-oriented gravel bike with bigger tires, like a Salsa Cutthroat, is a good option. The sandy sections will be extra work, but a gravel bike is great for the county roads & will be fine on the trails.

Mountain bike - always a good option because of the versatility. Sand will always be challenging, but a mountain bike will do well on the gravel roads & trails.

Fat bike - will be great for the OHV trail & some of the sandier sections on CRs 375a & 376, but may be overkill for the gravel roads.

Rules & Regulations

Helmets are required & must be worn at all times.

No littering. Trash cans will be available at Fuel Stations, use them!

Rules of the road apply. All roads & trails will remain open to public use.

Be respectful of other participants, volunteers, & other trail users.

Have fun!

BV Weather

Buena Vista is typically sunny & dry, although storms can move in quickly. Expect cooler temps in the morning with quickly rising temps by the afternoon. Stay hydrated & wear sunscreen!

The Course: Turn by Turn

	Notes	Mileage (approx.)
	Start at BV Community Center	0
Left	Turn left through River Park lot	.1
Right	Turn right onto Walton Loop Trail	.2
Left	Turn left onto Swick Ave.	.6
Right	Turn right onto Colorado Ave/CR 371	.9
Right	Turn right onto CR 375	2.8
Right	Turn right toward 6037	3.3
Left	Turn left onto 6037	3.31
Right	Turn right, staying on 6037	4.2
Right	Turn right onto CR 376	4.25
Left	Turn left onto 1415	4.3
Straight	Continue straight onto CR 375c	5.3
Right	Turn right onto CR 375	6
Right	Turn right onto CR 375a	6.2
Straight	Stay straight onto CR 373	7.7
Right	Turn right, staying on CR 373	10.1
Right	Turn right on CR 311 (Fuel Station 1)	11.6
Left	Turn left on CR 376	14
Right	Turn right on CR 376a (Fuel Station 2)	17.9
Left	Turn left onto Sausage Link Trail	20.2
Right	Turn right onto Midland Bike Trail	21.9
Straight	Continue straight onto CR 304	22
Right	Turn right & continue on CR 304	22.1
Left	Turn left onto South Trail	24.2
Right	Turn right onto Bridge to Bridge Trail	24.7
Left	Turn left through River Park, through parking lot	25
Right	Turn right to BV Community Center	25.1
	Finish!	25.2

Maps



Course Preview



Trail 6037 - the sandiest & most grueling section of the course. Here's where you'll be wanting that fat bike, but don't worry, it's a short section with less than a mile of this nonsense. It's okay if you hate us a bit during this portion. We understand.

Look ma, no hands! Did we mention that the sand can be a bit challenging?



Hopefully you'll forgive us for the sand with gravel roads & views like these as you ride through Fourmile.

Sweet singletrack! Sausage Link is a fun & flowy trail with just enough technicality to keep it spicy!



It's all downhill from here. Mostly. Enjoy the descent down South Trail & back to BV!

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